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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALLEN, 11 & 12, Old Bailey, London, E.C. 4.
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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.—\$5,000,000
RESERVE FUND.—\$4,400,000
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION.—\$400,000
OF DIVIDENDS.—\$400,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.—\$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—A. P. McEwen, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—Hon. F. D. Sassoon, Esq.
C. D. Borthwick, Esq.
H. L. Dalrymple, Esq.
W. H. Forbes, Esq.
M. E. Sassoon, Esq.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1. The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
2. The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.
3. Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year.
4. Deposits may be on behalf of relations, of trusts, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.
5. Persons desiring to save sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.
6. Depositors in the Savings Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
7. Deposits may be forwarded from the Ports by means of clean Hongkong Postage stamps of any value.
8. Interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum will be allowed on deposits on their daily balances.
9. Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, at the beginning of January and beginning of July.
10. Covers containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked "On Hongkong Savings Bank Business," be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
11. Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.
12. All documents connected with the business of the Savings Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

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Bank.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in London on 18th July, 1884, under the Companies Act 1863, to 1883.)

LONDON BANKERS:
UNION BANK OF LONDON, LD.
BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

BATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per Annum.
At 6 months' notice 4 per Annum.
At 12 months' notice 4 1/2 per Annum.

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

J. MELVILLE MATSON, Manager.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1556

Intimations.

PUBLIC GARDENS, HONGKONG.

(By Permission.)

A GRAND BAZAAR, FANCY FAIR, AND EVENING FETE,
In aid of the Funds for the Purchase of a New Organ for St. John's Cathedral, will be held on

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY,
the 29th and 30th Instant.

Afternoon, 3.30 to 6 o'clock.
Evening, from 8 o'clock.

USEFUL, ORNAMENTAL AND ARTISTIC STALL, Refreshment Stall, Flower Stall, and Variety of Exhibitions and Entertainments.

The Band of "The Buffs," by kind permission of Col. Graves and the Officers of the Regiment, will play each Afternoon.

ADMISSION.
Wednesday & Thursday 50 cts.; Evening 50 cts.
Thursday Afternoon 25 cts.; Evening 25 cts.

By Tickets, to be obtained from Messrs. LAY, CHATFIELD & Co., Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, and Mr. W. BREWER.

Children, Soldiers, Sailors, Police Constables, 10 cents, payable at the Entrance Gate, nearest College Gardens.

Committee.
Capt. Davis, R.N.; Capt. Somerset, "The Buffs"; Chas. Ford, Esq.; J. Orange, Esq.; S. G. Bird, Esq.; C. F. A. Sangster, Esq.; E. Dear, Esq.; J. Whitall, Esq.

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Hon. THOMAS JACKSON.

Honorary Assistant Secretary, H. M. THOMSETT, Esq.

Further Particulars will be announced. Hongkong, October 20, 1884. 1771

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For Sale.

NEW GOODS.

FOR

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UNDERSHIRTS and PANTS in SCOTCH WOOL, CASHMERE, White and Fancy MERINOS, BALDRIGGAN and SILK.

HALF-HOSE in WOOL, CASHMERE and MERINO; Fancy SILK SOCKS for Evening Wear.

SHIRTS and COLLARS in all the newest styles.

GENTLEMEN'S GLOVES in Kid, CAPE and CHEVRONETTE for Morning and Evening Wear.

SCARFS and CRAVATS in the most Fashionable Shapes and Colours.

Also,

HANDKERCHIEFS, BRACES, UMBRELLAS, BELTS, DRESSING GOWNS, BOOTS, SHOES and HATS,

in great variety.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

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Eastern and California CHEESE.
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Family BEEF in 25 lb cans.
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Fine YORK HAMS.

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FAT DE FOIE GRAS.

Digby CHICKS.

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IRISH BACON in tins.

COCOATINA.

VAN HOUTE'S COCOA.

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SPARTAN

COOKING STOVES.

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CHATEAU MARGAUX.

CHATEAU LA TOUR, plate & quart.

1888 GRAVES.

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TAILOR, DRAPER & OUTFITTER.
No. 55, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.
HAS NOW LANDING, FOR SALE:
ALL kinds of AUTUMN and WINTER
WOOLLEN CLOTHS.
DAMASK, REP, and ORIENTONES for
Curtains and Covering Furniture.
Curtains, "Gentleman's New" Zephyr
Black, Drab, and Brown FINEST SILK
SCARVES, TIES, WHITE DRESS TIES.
WOOLLEN WRAPPERS, Coloured and
White KID GLOVES.
SUITS and SOCKS.
White TABLE CLOTHS, NAPKINS,
SILK & CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS,
and TOWELS.
Best kinds of TOILET PERFUMES
and SOAPS.
Dresser's BOOTS, SHOOTING BOOTS,
SHOES and TENNIS SHOES, &c., &c.
AT LOW PRICES.
Hongkong, October 25, 1884. 1866

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CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts.....\$20 per Case of 1 doz.

Pints.....\$21 " " " " " "

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WHISKY, \$74 per Case of 1 doz.

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Hongkong, January 16, 1883. 181

Notices to Consignees.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo

are requested to send in their Bills of

Lading to the Undersigned for counter-

signature, and to take immediate delivery.

This Cargo has been landed and stored at

their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex. Demerit.

H. N. M. (in tria), Nos. 4, 5, 2 cases

Barthware, &c., from London.

Ex. Ocuca.

H. N. M. (in tria), Nos. 4/5-2 cases Hard-

ware, from London.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, September 29, 1884. 1649

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Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor

Owners will be Responsible for any

Debt contracted by the Officers or

Crew of the following Vessels, during

their stay in Hongkong Harbour.

ALMAZAR, American 3-m. schooner, Capt.

E. G. Lapham—Birley, Dalmatya & Co.

CARRE HOSKIE, Amr. barquentine, Capt.

Sumpton—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

IMPORTER, American barque, Capt. John

P. Wessels—Melchers & Co.

JOHN O. MURDO, British barque, Capt.

Win. Sumner—Adamson, Bell & Co.

MADRAS, British steamer, Capt. H. Plenge

—Siemssen & Co.

MARIE, German ship, Capt. Warnken—

Melchers & Co.

MOUNT LEBARON, British steamer, Capt.

D. Maxwell—Borneo Company, Limited.

MOUNT LEBARON, British barquentine,

Captain Nelson—Chinsee.

SARAH HONNET, American ship, Capt. J.

Bas—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

SEA RIPLEY, British 3-masted schooner,

Capt. Alfred Rickers—Siemssen & Co.

UNDAUNTED, American ship, Capt. Jas.

P. Hamilton—O. S. N. Co.

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CHANG, HANKOW, and Ports on

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Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.

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Captain.

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Date of Leaving.

Bangkok.....Phra Chom Klao (s).....H. Strickland.....

Batavia, &c., via Saigon.....Colobes (s).....de Haan.....

Bombay, via Straits.....Polythymia (s).....R. Bohme.....

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It is questionable if the Imperial Government will not have to be satisfied with the expectation, without its realization. We are only a very small community of taxpayers here. There are several large public works which it is imperative for sanitary or commercial reasons should be carried out in the Colony, but we have not sufficient funds for their execution. It will be necessary to borrow money, to enable them to be undertaken or completed. We can ill-afford the £20,000 per annum exacted from us at the present time for military purposes. It is almost to think we can contribute largely towards the expense of making Hongkong a strong naval and military post for the British Empire. Nor do we think we are called upon to do anything of the kind. If the British Empire requires strongholds in various parts of the world, the British Empire may be reasonably expected to pay for them. Local interests, which it is proposed to tax heavily for these fortifications, are only a twentieth part of the interests concerned in the security and prosperity of Hongkong. The Colony is merely a trading, as well as a naval and military station, for the British people at large. We conduct their local business for them, and although we have a direct interest in the security and prosperity of Hongkong, yet it is not reasonable to throw upon the handful of Europeans here any considerable proportion of the cost of defending what are the interests of a great and rich nation. Reasonable or not responsible, Hongkong is not in a position to bear any considerable portion of the cost of fortifying the harbour. It is strongly desirable that such work should be carried out, but it is necessary that it should be done at the expense of the Empire, and that the Home Government should be satisfied with our annual contribution of £20,000, which is a severe enough tax upon the Colony in these days when the search for wealth here is about as arduous and profitless as it is in any other part of the world.

TELEGRAMS.

DEMONSTRATION IN HYDE PARK.

LONDON, Oct. 26.

A demonstration of an orderly character, estimated to consist of 100,000 persons, took place in Hyde Park, and resolutions were passed in favor of the abolition of the House of Lords.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSENGER CATASTROPHES. Oct. 21. *Flintshire, Teutur, and Gloucester, Oct. 14. Benarty, Cyclops, and Devonian, Oct. 16.*

The next *Farmer Malt*, per the *M. M. steamer Ironclad*, left Singapore for Saigon and this port on Saturday, the 25th instant, at noon, and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 1st November.

The *S. S. Benolt* left Singapore for this port on the 25th instant.

DOCK MOVEMENTS.

The *Haitong* will go to Kowloon Dock tomorrow.
The *Edwina* will go to Kowloon Dock tomorrow.
The *Pha Chon Kiao* went to Cosmopolitan Dock today.
The *Thales* will leave Kowloon Dock tomorrow.
The *Seller* will leave Kowloon Dock tomorrow.
The *Polymnia* left Aberdeen Dock today.
The *Thibet* left Cosmopolitan Dock today.

FUTTA KHAN, the private in the Gun Law case who was charged a short time since with causing the death of a comrade named Michael Gomes, on the 9th September, was brought up on remand yesterday, before Mr. Wines. The evidence produced was much the same as that taken at the inquest, when a verdict of accidental death was returned. This was quite insufficient to convict the man upon, and he was therefore discharged.

There is likely to be some difficulty experienced this year in procuring a supply of grain from the North for rice purposes, indeed, we are told it is impossible to purchase any for rice of money. It is to be hoped, however, this order of things will not last, though at present there seems every chance of its doing so. The Chinese Government, owing to the troubles with France, have forbidden the exportation of ponies from the breeding grounds to Shanghai and the South. Orders have been sent from Hongkong for twenty-one subscription griffins, fourteen less than came down last year. If Mongolian racers are not forthcoming shortly, the order may be transferred to Japan.

PREPARATIONS for tomorrow's bazaar and entertainments are going on merrily, and the arrangements are likely to be completed in good time. The masked sections are four in number. Across the centre path-way and in front of the steps leading to the Fountain is a compact band, with a raised and rosy stage, intended for the accommodation of the performers in the evening. At the head of the steps and in front of the Fountain is a neat little booth which is to be utilized as a refreshment stall. On either side of the circular path surrounding the Fountain is a crescent-shaped structure, each containing several stalls. All the shades are very prettily draped, inside and out, with flags. Slender banisters are planted at intervals in the garden, with wires running between them, from which will be suspended variegated lamps.

It is sincerely to be hoped that the weather, which at present looks rather dull and threatening, will be at that one could wish, and that the show will be patronized by all, high and low, rich and poor.

General Brice de l'Isle telegraphed to the Governor at Saigon, under date of Dauphin, October 10th. Following the fighting of the 10th and 11th October, we have driven into the mountains Chinese corps d'armées, entrenched above Locum. Our losses are 20 killed and 92 wounded.

Several reports of the annexation of New Guinea have been telegraphed out here from time to time, and have proved to be unfounded. It appears, however, as last that Great Britain is on the point of actually taking possession of that portion of the Island which is nearest to Australian territory and which is not claimed by the Dutch. A telegram from London, dated October 21st, stated: "The Commander of the Australian station has been ordered to proceed to New Guinea, and to proclaim a British protectorate of the South coast, including adjacent islands." This telegram was followed by another, dated two days later, announcing that Major General Scottell had been appointed High Commissioner for New Guinea. It was not likely that any other nation would venture to lay hands on territory which lies within a few miles of the Australian continent and which forms one of the shores of Torres Straits, but, considering the general scramble for territory that appears to be going on among the European powers, it was perhaps as well for England to once to place her claim to the territory beyond doubt, and to take some steps for the development of the trade of the island and its colonization. There are a whole cluster of islands round the South-east coast.

The *S. S. Fokien*, which arrived this morning from Tamsui, Amoy, &c., brings some further details respecting the blockade of the Formosan coast by the French squadron under Admiral Courbet.

The *Fokien* arrived at Tamsui about noon on the 24th inst., and steamed towards her usual anchorage, when a shot across her bows from the French cruiser *Duguay Trouin* caused her to bring up short, and it was then that signals were being made to them from the cruiser. These were, however, not displayed distinctly enough to be read on board the *Fokien*, so Captain Harris signalled back to the Frenchman to exhibit his signals more clearly, and a message was then made out requesting the *Fokien* to steam up alongside the man-of-war. This was done and an officer from the *Duguay Trouin* came on board the *Fokien* and informed the captain that a strict blockade of the Formosan coast from South Cape by West Coast round to Dome Point had been established by Admiral Courbet, and that the *Fokien* would not be allowed to land her cargo or passengers or hold any communication with the shore. The officer stated that even should any launch or boat from the shore attempt to communicate with them, it would be fired upon. Under these circumstances all that could be done by the *Fokien* was to signal the fact to the agents ashore that communication was suspended and return to Amoy, and this was done at once; the *Fokien* only remaining off Tamsui about an hour.

The *Duguay Trouin* was the only French man-of-war at Tamsui when the *Fokien* left, the others being posted at intervals along the coast to enforce the blockade.

Meanwhile, the foreign residents at Tamsui are unable to leave the port if they desire to do so until the arrival of an English man-of-war, the privilege of communicating with their nationals being strictly limited to men-of-war.

The officers of the *Duguay Trouin* are expecting the arrival of reinforcements which will enable them to occupy Tamsui, within ten or twelve days. There are believed to be fully 7,000 or 8,000 Chinese troops around Tamsui.

At a meeting of the Celestial Reasoning Association (native) at Singapore, on the 18th October, the following question, proposed by Mr. Lee Cheng Chuan, was discussed: "Which is more easily preserved, the health of the fat man or of the lean?" After an animated debate, the majority decided in favor of the lean line.

The following extraordinary story, according to a Paris correspondent, is told by an old schoolfellow of M. Lemaire, late French consul-general at Shanghai, and recently appointed minister plenipotentiary at Hanoi. "Twenty-five years ago he was at school at Tonnerre. There he was nicknamed Yellow not on account of his singularly yellow complexion. He was a quiet lad, not brilliant, often bullied by his comrades, and somewhat hardly treated by his professors. When fifteen he passed a vacation with an uncle in Burgundy, and had for companion a cousin much younger than himself. Their delight was to play at soldiers. Lemaire shouldered a rusty flint gun and the cousin shouldered an old sabre. One day it was agreed that they should get up some wind from the cellar, not with any piffing intention, but merely to play at soldiers. Lemaire, the older, was mounting the cellar stairs, Lemaire exclaimed, 'I have the enemy,' and pulled the trigger. The gun, which he did not know to be loaded, went off and blew out the brains of the young cousin. Lemaire's family, horrified at the event, sent him to sea as a sailor boy. Nothing was heard of him for years, and he sent home no letters. At last it was found out that he had established himself at Saigon, had learned Chinese, and was employed as interpreter at the French Consulate. Later news came that he had married a Chinese lady, whether a native or a settler is not stated, and now the result of that unfortunate shot with the flint gun is that he is recognized as the most accomplished diplomatist that France can find to conduct her affairs among the yellow people.

This morning, says the *Asiatic Times* of the 20th October, a large python was caught on the side of Mount Wallich facing the mountain. This creature measured 15 feet long, and 1 foot 4 inches round the body, and is beautifully marked. No doubt he has been a resident in the district for many years, and his presence accounts for numerous losses of poultry which have been a constant complaint among the Tanka Aye people for some time past. Last night his snakeship paid a visit to the engine shed near the sea, and having made a heavy meal on fowls, rats, and frogs, and possibly other delicacies from the Municipal swappings, he endeavored to climb the steep escarpment of Mount Wallich, no doubt to reach his nest. The rain of yesterday, however, had loosened the soil, and when near the top the earth seems to have given way, and brought down along with it the snake, who was sufficiently stunned by a fall of about 80 feet to render his capture by the Chinese coolies a matter of no great difficulty. The animal is still alive, cooped up in a box, and may be seen at the works.

If the nose is to be considered as an index to the particular character of man or woman, the finger nails, on the other hand, are not without importance in the study of individual dispositions. Long and tapering, they are said to be indicative of imagination and poetry, contemplation, and religiousness and artistic tastes; and also of laziness, indolence, and the want of even and regular habits. The width, evenness, and all the various qualities of the mind extend to long and flat nails. Short, wide nails show an irascible and abrupt temper in their wearers, with a disposition for struggle and action; controversy and worry; besides resistance, opposition, and a certain amount of fighting and quarrelling. Long, black, and shining nails are an indication of misfortune and a weak disposition; those that are hard and brittle denote anger, enmity, and quarrelsome fighting and quarrelling disposition; soft, they express weakness both in mind and body, and a predisposition to diseases of the blood. Beware of the sharp, claw-like nail if you wish to shun hypocrisy, selfishness, and the numerous qualities of the false tribe. A blackish nail, especially on the forefinger, is significant of consumption.

My mind has been turned in this direction by the experience of a guest—a most ingenious gentleman of an inventive turn, who came to pass some weeks with me at Mao-chee. He came loaded down with inventions, gotten up more for his personal comfort than with any idea of profit. Among these was Walcott's Patent Bed-cooler and Mosquito-guard, which consisted of a huge fan suspended above the bed, so worked by cunning machinery that the weight of the occupant kept it moving for ten hours. As we are without mosquitoes at Mao-chee, and the nights are so cool that we sleep under blankets, I told him that it was scarcely necessary to set up his invaluable invention. He persisted, and at the dead hour of midnight the household was startled by a crash, followed by yells such as have not been heard since the Indians left. These awful noises came from my inventive guest's apartment, and, seeing a light in his revolver, I hastened thither. 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